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In re Patent No.: 5,874, 807 :  
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This is a decision on the petition, filed August 16, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The decision mailed February 29, 2008, is **VACATED**. The decision is being vacated in order to correct typographical errors contained therein.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

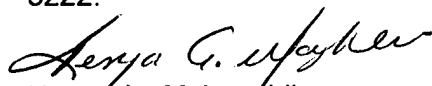
The patent issued September 17, 2002. The grace period for paying the 3.5-year maintenance fee expired at midnight September 17, 2006. Therefore, since the petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office. Additionally, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed concerning this patent, a Fee Address should be submitted to Maintenance Fee Division.

The maintenance fee of \$900.00 and the surcharge of \$1640.00 are accepted. The above-identified patent is hereby reinstated.

The file is being forwarded to the Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenya A. McLaughlin".

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